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SUBJECT: EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS' MEETING,
APRIL 15, 1975

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL LIFT ITS EMBARGO AGAINST ITALIAN WINES AS A RESULT OF MEASURES AGREED TO BY THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS, APRIL 15. THESE MEASURES INCLUDE AID FOR PRIVATE STORAGE OF ITALIAN WINES IN FRANCE AND INCREASED DISTILLATION OF EC WINE INTO ALCOHOL. AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, U.K. MINISTER PEART MADE A STATEMENT ON THE DEPRESSED STATE OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND URGED A COMMON EC POSITION ON TERRITORIAL LIMITS AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. EC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG APRIL 15, AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING SHORT-TERM MEASURES TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE CURRENT WINE GLUT CRISIS. FROM JUNE 7 TO JULY 31, 1975 (OR
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POSSIBLY SOME OTHER 55 DAY PERIOD CHOSEN BY A MEMBER

STATE), TABLE WINE CAN BE DISTILLED AT AN EC INTERVENTION PRICE OF 1.56 U.A. PER DEGREE/HECTOLETER. THE COMMISSION ESTIMATED THAT BASED ON PRESENT DISTILLATION CAPACITY, ROUGHLY 5 MILLION HECTOLETERS OF WINE COULD BE DISTILLED UNDER THIS PROGRAM AT A COST OF AROUND 50 MILLION U.A. GERMANY WAS VIRTUALLY ALONE IN TRYING TO LIMIT THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM AND ITS HOURS OF DICKERING ONLY RESULTED IN A DECREASE OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED 1.56 U.A. INTERVENTION PRICE TO 1.56 U.A. THE ITALIAN MINISTER STATED THAT 50 MILLION U.A. WOULD ONLY REPRESENT 2.5 PERCENT OF THE EXPENDITURES PAID OUT OF FEOGA FOR SUPPORTING OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, CHIEFLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF NORTHERN EUROPEAN PRODUCERS.

3. THE MINISTERS ALSO AGREED THAT AN AID COULD BE GRANTED FOR PRIVATE STORAGE IN FRANCE OF ITALIAN WINES ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR BY FRENCH BUYERS. THIS AID WOULD BE NATIONAL (I.E. PAID FOR BY FRANCE) AND MUST BE APPROVED THE COUNCIL (PROBABLY BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE) BEFORE IT CAN BE APPLIED. THE AID WILL HELP TO TAKE ABOUT 1 1/2 MILLION HECTOLITERS OF ITALIAN WINE OFF THE FRENCH MARKET FOR ABOUT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS.

4. FOR THE LONG TERM, THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED ITS INTENTION TO ADOPT BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1975, MEASURES INTENDED TO PREVENT STRUCTURAL SURPLUSES FROM DEVELOPING IN THE WINE SECTOR. THE COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS FOR PRODUCTION AND QUALITY CONTROLS ON WINE WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE AUGUST 1 DATE.

5. FRENCH MINISTER BONNET TOLD HIS EC COLLEAGUES THAT AS OF APRIL 16, THE FRENCH BORDER WOULD BE OPEN FOR ITALIAN WINE. BONNET ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD DEFEND THE COUNCIL WINE PACKAGE BEFORE THE FRENCH CABINET, BUT HE COULD NOT RULE OUT THE CABINET DECIDING THAT SUPPLEMENTARY NATIONAL AIDS/MEASURES WERE STILL NECESSARY TO ALLEVIATE THE FRENCH WINE SITUATION.

6. U.K. MINISTER PEART MADE A STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL ON FISH. HE ARGUED THAT CERTAIN CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY TO HELP FISHERMEN OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS OF DEPRESSED PRICES AND SURPLUSES. COMMISSIONER LARDINIOS SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WILL PRESENT PROPOSALS AT THE NEXT AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL OF APRIL 28-29 THAT WILL INCLUDE PRIVATE STOCKING AID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR FUEL COSTS, AND MEASURES ON FROZEN FISH.

7. PEART POINTED OUT THAT THE U.K. HAS THE LONGEST COAST LINE IN THE EC AND HAS THE MOST TO LOSE ON THE ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL WATERS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. HE URGED STRONGLY THAT THE EC TAKE A COMMON POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE AND TAKE COMMON ACTION TO FIGHT FOR EC (I.E., U.K.) RIGHTS.

8. THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON APRIL 14 (SEPTTEL) HAD
RECOMMENDED THAT MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURAL PREFERENCES BE
WORKED OUT IN TIME FOR A JULY AGREEMENT ON A NEW EC-MEDITERRANEAN
ARRANGEMENT.THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS CHARGED THE SPECIAL
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL TO
TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS AT ITS NEXT MEETING. THE ITALIAN
DELEGATION STATED THAT THE ISSUE OF MEDITERRANEAN PREFERENCES
COULD NOT BE RESOLVED BEFORE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A MINIMUM
IMPORT PRICE SYSTEM FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.
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